

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 516
By Person

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize James D. Brown,
Executive Director of Shelby County Health Care
Center and Oakville Health Care Center, on the
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who through hard work and dedication have made significant contributions to their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS, for the past sixteen years, James D. Brown has proven himself to be an astute and devoted servant of Shelby County government as Executive Director of Shelby County Health Care Center and Oakville Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, in this important position, Mr. Brown has excelled in the execution of his many responsibilities in the management of fiscal and personnel operations at these two facilities, which have an annual operating budget of approximately 20 million dollars and employ some 700 people; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown has evidenced his leadership skills, his compassion and his integrity in managing Shelby County Health Care Center, a county-owned 575-bed Intermediate Care Facility specializing in geriatric care, and Oakville Health Care Center, a county-owned 312-bed skilled nursing facility specializing primarily in geriatric care; and

WHEREAS, prior to his meritorious term of service in his present position, Mr. Brown served with distinction as an administrative assistant for United Hospital Corporation and was responsible for corporate development at Care Inns, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, from 1976-78, Mr. Brown turned in his usual brilliant performance as the Administrator at Methodist Hospital North, and from 1972-76, he served with acumen and alacrity as Associate Administrator at Methodist Hospital, Central, serving as a preceptor in graduate hospital programs for Trinity University, St. Louis University and the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown proudly enlisted in the U.S. Navy on December 8, 1941, as an Apprentice Seaman and advanced to attain the rank of Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman; at the age of 22, he was one of the youngest Chief Petty Officers in the Navy; and

WHEREAS, certified as an operating room technician and medical field technician, Mr. Brown participated in 14 major D-Day landings and received 14 awards or decorations; and

WHEREAS, after World War II, he entered the field of naval aviation, and spent the major portion of the ensuing 16 years in medical administration; and

WHEREAS, the very epitome of the consummate professional, Mr. Brown has made many invaluable contributions to the health care industry by means of his proficient service to numerous organizations, including: the American Hospital Association; American College of Hospital Administrators; Tennessee Hospital Association, serving as a member of the Board of Trustees, Council on Government and Public Affairs and Operations Alert Committee; Memphis Hospital Council, serving as President and Operations Alert Chairman and a member of Public Affairs Committee; Tennessee Hospital Effective Management Program (TEMP), serving as Chairman; Tennessee Hospital Education and Research Program as a member of the Board of Directors; and the Tennessee Health Care Association, serving as a member of the Board of Trustees and as Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, realizing that citizenship entails many duties as well as privileges, Mr. Brown has generously donated his time, talents and energies to numerous worthwhile civic and charitable associations, including: the Memphis Regional Blood Center (Board of Directors); Memphis Regional Cancer Center (Finance Committee; West Tennessee Cancer Clinic (Board of Directors); Western State Psychiatric Hospital (Board of Trustees); State Board of

Malpractice Review; and the Shelby County Council on Economic Development, serving as Chairman of the Population and Work Force Committee; and

WHEREAS, James D. Brown has announced that he will soon depart the friendly offices of Shelby County government to answer the tantalizing call of retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of Shelby County Health Care Center and Oakville Health Care Center, we hereby honor and commend James D. Brown upon his meritorious service to the good people of Shelby County and Tennessee, and salute his sterling career as a health care administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Mr. Brown our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.